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JNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT NO.

JPIC Soviet Engineer Headquarters in the Castle of BARBY

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. A Soviet engineer headquarters was observed in the BARBY (M 52/D 88) Castle.

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2. About 20 motor vehicles, including [REDACTED] were stored in the former stables.

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3. Six telephone wires led from the castle to officers' billets in the town. A colonel was observed among the officers.

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[REDACTED] Comment:

The 15th Gds Engr Bn of the Third Shock Army is carried as being stationed in BARBY (last confirmed [REDACTED] on 10 May 1949).

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Files of Higher Headquarters list the 323rd Engr Bn, also having [REDACTED] as being in BARBY. The files indicate that, following the deactivation of the 19th Engr Brig which allegedly consisted of the 94th Engr Bn and two other engineer battalions (possibly including the 15th Gds), the 323rd Engr Bn was activated in BARBY in December 1946 but no pertinent information is available. However, it is considered possible that the 19th Assault Engr Brig, which with its 91st through 95th Engr Bns had been assigned to the Third Shock Army during the war (last confirmed in January 1945), may not have been deactivated but only reorganized or reduced in strength and may now exist as 19th (Assault) Engr Regt (with headquarters in the BARBY Castle?). This assumption is corroborated by the knowledge that engineer regiments are also assigned to other armies in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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